

IF BRADY AND BRITT HAD REMAINED OUT-OF-TOWN FIGHT FANS WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED THEM

THREE AUTHORS TELL THRILLING STORY OF SIX TERRIBLE BOUTS

Bob Maxwell and Lou Jaffe Were Eyewitnesses at Olympia Show, but Ring Lardner Refused to Attend and Won on the Newspaper Decision

ROUND ONE

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

THE mere fact that Ralph Brady, of Syracuse, defeated Frankie Britt, of New Bedford, Mass., in the windup at the Olympia last night does not mean a pleasant time was had by all.

Still, there were a few wise persons in our city, like Watson Magill and Middle Ennis, who decided to pass up the fracas for the movies or something, but the real clever guy was Ring W. Lardner, the noted author, of Chicago, Ill., and South Bend, Ind.

Therefore, we must give Mr. Lardner the newspaper decision. He put in his rap before seeing the performance at the Olympia. He was swinging the hammer after seeing it. Those gents from the West certainly are clever.

As for Britt, that youthful person either had an off night or boxed better than ever before when he trimmed Willie Jackson. Last night he was like a flat-wheeled tinberny trying to climb a tree.

ROUND TWO

By RING W. LARDNER

I GOT into Philadelphia and felt fine, but I happened to remember that Bob Maxwell lived here, or some such name, and also Kid Gleason, or whoever it is that manages the White Sox, to say nothing about Bill Donovan, that had that fast ball club one day, but now he manages Jersey City.

So I said to Charley, "There is a girl out in Chicago now that they named her after me," and he said, "Who is that?" So then I pulled a funny line on him and said, "Why, it's Blanche Ring, your wife." So he said, "You're wrong because you were named after her."

ROUND THREE

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

THERE was a wanton waste of wallops in the semiwindup. Another pair of wind-millers put on a kerosene-circuit skit which got the audience in good shape to appreciate the windup.

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ROUND FOUR

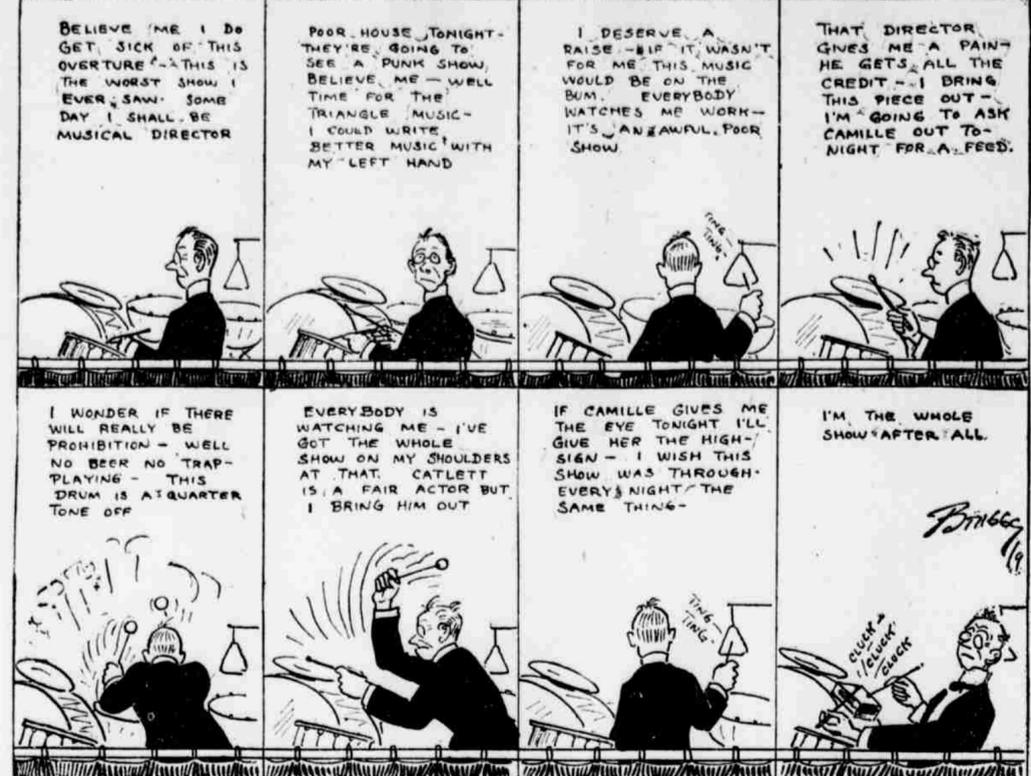
GEORGIE BLACKBURN tried to fight his battle in the second preliminary without his manager and adviser, Emory Titman, but because the house was crowded Emory was not in Georgie's corner.

ROUND FIVE

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

YOUNG MEDWAY, who used to square off with his right arm and adroit foot out before I went off to compete in the "Battle of Paris," switched about in the opening bout of the regular program and left jabbed Bobby Woods so incessantly that the latter finally found himself all bedommed on the floor in the middle of the second round.

WONDER WHAT A TRAP DRUMMER IN A THEATRE ORCHESTRA THINKS ABOUT



MIDVALE IS EASY FOR CHAMPIONS

Wallop Steel Workers in Game to Determine Second-Half Championship

NAVAL TRAINING WINS

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, P.P. American League: W. C. P. 4-1-0.000, Daback 3-2-0.333, Hancock 4-1-0.667, P. H. A. 3-2-0.333, Vets. Club 2-3-0.400, Wilbur 0-5-0.000

St. Columbia has captured the second half championship of the American Basketball League and unless something unforeseen occurs should retain the title as the best club in the league, as they will enter the play-off with Yours Truly a decided favorite.

There is little use of talking of what might have happened. The Midvale segregation was compelled to take the floor minus Willie McCarter, and this proved the handicap to base the story on what might have occurred.

The Steel Workers were completely played off their feet, and so close were they guarded that the sole effort of their scoring was confined to two field goals, one by Dark in the first half and the other by Nesman in the second chapter.

Are Played Off Feet At no time did they have a look-in and the speedy attack and defense of the champions completely bewildered the former Eastern League trio—Newman, Dark and Haggerty.

Allie is not named after any streets or anything like that, but he is managed by Jake Weinstein, and Jake should know better. The only reason Allie won was because he was boxing Eddie Wagon, Eddie spent too much time in shadow boxing to inflict any damage.

Eddie also had some right swings which were as dangerous as the lefts, as they traveled in the same wild, carefree direction. Some day Wagon will connect with one of those wind-mill strokes and gain fame as a knock-out artist.

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There were other battles but we did not see them. They were said to be good. Louis H. Jaffe has promised to oblige.

Rodney Beck Surprised Tilden in Singles Match

Former Germantown Academy Star Won Five Straight Games From National Indoor Champion

"VET" PLAYER SCORES

RODNEY M. BECK, the former Germantown Academy star and holder of the Pennsylvania state junior singles championship, gave his tenor, Matt Tilden, quite a scare in the first round of the senior singles of the Middle States covered-court championship tournament now being held at the Wanamaker store.

It was not expected that Tilden, who was runner-up for the national singles championship last spring, would have much trouble disposing of the school player. When Tilden won the first game of the first set rather easily no one would have given much for Beck's chances.

Beck, however, was not the least bit daunted, through dropping the first game, he showed an excellent form, and the national reputation of his opponent he opened up all six cylinders and went through the next five games in regular fashion. The Palma fashion, Tilden tried his best but couldn't stop the terrific pace of his pupil and the five games went to Beck.

Several times Beck needed but a point or two to win the first set. Tilden was equal to the occasion, and, staging a sensational rally, won the following six games, and the set 7-5. Beck won the second set, and Tilden won the third 6-2. After the match, Tilden paid Beck a great compliment by saying that if Beck had won the first set he would have won the match.

Plays Dornheim Today This afternoon Tilden meets another former scholar star, Herman Dornheim, the ex-Frankford High captain, who is now working at Midvale, was the champion of the Pennsylvania State Open Junior age limit. Dornheim is playing in first-class style and advanced to the second round by easily disposing of Bertus, 6-4.

At no time was the issue close enough to make it interesting. The half ended 14-8, and at one time in the second game the totals were 26-11. The final score was 20-14. The largest crowd of the season witnessed the important clash.

In the other game Hancock had little trouble in disposing of Victor, 20-7. The reason was the individual star with 11 baskets, and Wood and Powell each came through with three. Kid Pike, he of Central High fame of bygone days, played his first game for Victor and did well.

Naval Training a Winner The game between Naval Training and Supply Department (Pie 13) for the championship of League Island resulted in a 20-19 victory for the former. The contest was decidedly rough and most unpleasantly featured throughout. The feature of the play for the winners was the work of Mulhern at guards, and Parker at center.

It was the desire of Manager Frank Foth to have Herman Baetzel officiate, but he was objected to and as a result Panzavala refereed. Owing to the unsatisfactory features of the contest it is best for all concerned that at least another game be staged and the logical scene of the game should be the League Island floor, as it is undoubtedly the best in the city.

Manager Foth claims that he had no motive in securing Baetzel as official, and it was only his desire to have the best. In proof of this he is willing to accept any first-class man who has a reputation and his integrity is unquestioned. He is willing to accept either Whitey Mallon or Ward Brennan, of Brooklyn, if either can be secured, but stipulates that a competent and neutral timekeeper must also be engaged.

Three I League Meets Friday Chicago, Feb. 18.—The I League will hold a meeting in Chicago next Friday to consider the formation of a new circuit, to include the choice cities of the Three I and the Central League.

Engle Signs With Indians Cleveland, O., Feb. 18.—Joe Engle, pitcher of the Cleveland Indians, has signed a contract with the team. Engle was with the Philadelphia Athletics last season, but was released by the club.

Matchmaker Jack Hanlon is losing no time. His show for Saturday night presents Johnny Timmon and Johnny Griffiths, a brace of exciting welterweights. Fox and Jones appear on March 1, and on March 8, a choice against Herman, Burman and Murray are well matched.

Young Robinson will appear in the wind-up of the National Amateur Athletic Association in the Philadelphia Philadelphia, Pa. He is a diphtheria victim and a featherweight. Young Fox is training for Herman's opponent and expects to be in his condition for the battle.

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FORMER PENN STARS HOLD OLD-HOME WEEK

Ramsdell, Meredith, Lockwood, Berdick and Colton, Stellar Track Men, Return to Franklin Field

COACH ROBERTSON ILL

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK IT WAS like Old Home Week at Penn yesterday, as Old Home Week can be celebrated in one day and without the usual excitement. Five track stars of yesterday visited Franklin Field, and two of them worked out on the outdoor board track.

In the wake of the former gridiron merrymen came Ted Meredith and Joe Lockwood, both former athletes and members of the one-mile relay team that kayaked the world's record in 1915 and set new figures of three minutes and eighteen seconds flat for the distance.

Berdick Works Out Jervis Berdick, intercollegiate high-jump champion several years back, and Emory Ralph Colton, a cross-country and seven-mile star a few years ago, later drifted into the dressing room that has harbored Penn's track team since Weightman Hall was erected. Colton is in the service, but expects his honorable discharge in the near future.

Meredith did his running with Creed Haymond, the intercollegiate 220-yard dash champion, and the next thing on the program was a long pull at the weights. Meredith did his running with Creed Haymond, the intercollegiate 220-yard dash champion, and the next thing on the program was a long pull at the weights.

CENTRAL HIGH IN BIG CONTEST

Defeat by West Phila. Will Give Three Teams Chance for Title

NORTHEAST HOPEFUL

By PAUL PREP Central High School's fate in the Intercollegiate Basketball League depends a great deal on today's game with the West Philadelphia High quintet. A victory for the Mirrors virtually will give them the championship, while a defeat will give Southern, West Philadelphia and Northeast all a chance to cop the pennant.

The return of Patton to the Speedboys line-up has strengthened the team considerably and the students across the river, led by Bill Snyder, are confident that they will down Central. A win over Central tomorrow and Franklin High on Friday and a Northeast victory over Central Friday will place the West Philadelphia five in first place.

WRIGHT SELECTS JUNIOR OARSMEN

Penn's 1919 Second Crew Will Row on Schuylkill River This Afternoon

COPELAND IS STROKE

Joe Wright, coach of the Penn crews, selected his junior varsity crew yesterday, and will give the eight he has picked their first row on the Schuylkill River this afternoon. The combination forming the second eight is as follows: Stroke, Copeland; No. 1, Schuman; No. 2, Doremus; No. 3, O'Connor; No. 4, Frank; No. 5, King; No. 6, Marston; bow, Harrar; coxswain, Gillette.

Bill Copeland, who the Canadian has picked out to set the pace, half's from the University of Washington, where he rowed on the crew. While the husky westerner has never stroked a crew before, he showed an excellent form on the machines that Wright decided that he was the man for the job. Elmer Little, who stroked the juniors in 1917, was slated for this job, but Little could not spare the time from his studies to undertake the water sport this year.

The veteran Courtney, of Cornell, helped to teach one of this crew the ropes. Courtney, who was a member of the freshman eight at Ithaca last spring, Schuman and Frank both held down seats on the Red and Blue sculling eight last spring, while Red O'Gorman, a novice, won honor on the gridiron a couple of years ago.

Johnny Kunz and Weaver Marston were both on the Quaker Junior crew a year ago, and Elmer Harrar learned to handle a sweep oar in 1917.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

CALIFORNIA FRANKIE BURNS now has his card almost completed for his show on March 3. The wind-up will bring together Ralph Burns and Johnny Mealy, in their last meeting. Mealy managed to outpoint the veteran. Bob Burns's protegee is looking better than ever.

Law Tender probably will be in the wind-up at the Olympia on the evening of March 17. His opponent has not been selected. Joe Walling in Boston, Manager Glasman has had a schedule arranged for the star southpaw.

Jack Clifford, the New York light heavyweight, will fight Billy Genna at the Olympia on the 17th. Clifford will oppose Clifford, the New Yorker, but not the leading heavyweight, including Bartley-Madden, Bill Brennan, Clay Turner and Dattling-Livinsky.

Jimmy Wilson faces George Reynolds in the main event of the Philadelphia show on March 3. Wilson's opponent is a former champion of the world, and a former champion of the world, and a former champion of the world.

Tommy Kelly announced that Preston Brown, the flashy colored featherweight, is ready to take on all the leading lightweights.

WILBUR NEWSTETER, PENN POLE VAULT TITLEHOLDER, REPORTS FOR TRACK TEAM

Wilbur Newsteter, who holds the pole vault record at Penn, reported for the track team for the first time yesterday and took a light workout on Franklin Field. Newsteter never was in the college championship, but he finished second to Foster of Cornell, in 1916. He was the favorite to win the title in 1917, but the title games were called off that season. He entered the U. S. C. A. service and went overseas as a worker in that organization. Once in France, however, he got the fever to go up on the line and enlisted in the coast artillery as a private. He later was transferred to an officers' training school and commissioned a first lieutenant.

MATT WARD WINS

Defeats Troop in Two-Mile Race at Palace Rink

The two-mile roller skating race for professionals held at the Palace Roller Skating Rink, Thirty-ninth and Market streets, last evening was won by Matt Ward, of Norristown.

VALE TO PLAY BROWN

Eli Authorities Deny Attempt at Exclusion

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 18.—Denial was made yesterday by the Yale football management that Brown, Yale's star, had been dropped from the Yale schedule for the coming season.

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